

CHAPTER VI

TIME OF TRIAL

IT would have been difficult to find better quarters than those provided by this cave,

The various recesses hollowed out inside it made capital separate rooms,

It was a trifling disadvantage, that these recesses which were of varying depth, were rather dark during the day, and that the cave itself was never very light* For, except in bad weather, it would only be occupied at night. At earliest dawn-

Captain Gould would be carried outside, to drink in the salt, invigorating air and bask in the sunshine.

Inside the cave Jenny arranged to occupy one of the recesses with her husband* A larger one, sufficient to accommodate all three of them, was taken possession of by James Wolston and his wife and little Bob. Frank contented himself with a corner in the large hall, where he shared the company of the skipper and the boatswain*

The remainder of the clay was given up entirely

to rest. The boat's passengers had to
recuperate
after the many emotions of this last
week and the
awful trial they had endured so
bravely.